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IN THE SPECIFICATION

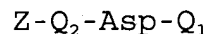
a¹ On page 1, after the title please insert ~~/-~~ This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/039,657, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,136,787, filed march 16, 1998 which is a division of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/440,179, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,756,465, filed May 12, 1995 which is a division of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/203,716, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,416,013, filed February 28, 1994 which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/750,644, filed on August 30, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/505,298, filed April 4, 1990, now abandoned, and U.S. application Ser. No. 07/656,759, filed Feb. 13, 1991, now abandoned. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel, without prejudice, claims 26, 27, 33, 34, 39, 40, 47, 48 and 49.

~~Kindly amend the claims as follows*:~~

a² 21. (Amended) The compound according to claim 20 having the formula:



where Z is an N-terminal protecting group;

Q₂ is 0 to 4 amino acids such that the sequence Q₂-Asp substantially corresponds to at least a portion of the

* For the convenience of the Examiner, applicants present the claim amendments in bracket and underline format at tab A.